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1. OTHERWISE EXCELLENT AND STIMULATING TABLE OF CONTENTS PROPOSED BY AMBASSADOR KINTNER IS, AS HE SUGGESTS, A BIT HEAVY ON SOUTHEAST ASIA. I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSION OF SUCH CURRENT AND PRODUCTIVE TOPICS AS ASEAN AND NEUTRALIZATION, BUT I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE BOTH BROADEN THE REGIONAL SCOPE AND SHIFT OUR PERSPECTIVE ON SECURITY.

2. PERSONALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION OF THE LOOMING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE HAVE-NOTS AND THE HAVES. THE BUCHAREST CONFERENCE ON POPULATION IS A GOOD POINT OF DEPARTURE. WE NEED TO EXPLORE STRATEGIES WITH RESPECT TO DIPLOMATIC AND POLITICAL ASPECTS ("TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY", ETC.), AS WELL AS ECONOMIC ASPECTS (E.G., CAN A WOULD-BE WORLD GOVERNMENT "NATIONALIZE" AMERICAN AGRICULTURE WHILE LEAVING OIL AND OTHER RESOURCES UNDER LOCAL SOVEREIGNTY?)

3. IN THE CONTEXT OF STRATEGY TOWARD THE HAVE-NOTS, I THINK WE COULD PROFIT FROM AN EXAMINATION OF THE SPECIFICS OF INTERDEPENDENCE. FTARCITIES AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES ARE INCREASINGLY VITAL PROBLEMS FOR HAVES AND HAVE-NOTS ALIKE, AND PERHAPS THESE SHARED PROBLEMS COULD BE USED TO MANEUVER US TOWARD COMMON SOLUTIONS. BUT WE NEED A FEEL FOR HOW IMPORTANT THE U.S. INTEREST IN ACCESS TO ASIAN RESOURCES IS LIKELY TO BE OVER THE REMAINDER OF THIS CENTURY. WHICH RESOURCES AND WHICH COUNTRIS ? HOW IMPORTANT IS THE U.S. INTEREST IN AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES TO OUR MAJOR ALLIES? HOW ESSENTIAL, AND TO WHICH ASIAN NATIONS, IS ACCESS TO THE U.S.? IN SHORT, CAN INTERDEPENDENCE BRING THE HAVES AND THE HAVE-NOTS TOGETHER, AND HOW? DID THE ENERGY CRISIS THROW NEW LIGHT ON INTERDEPENDENCE?

4. AS ONE MEANS OF DEVELOPING A LONGER PERSPECTIVE ON SECURITY ISSUES, MIGHT IT NOT BE USEFUL AT THIS POINT IN A NEW ADMINISTRATION TO EXAMINE CRITICALLY AND IN DEPTH THE THREAT-ASSUMPTIONS AND UNDERLYING CALCULATIONS BEHIND THE MORE COSTLY OF OUR CURRENT PROGRAVA AND STRATEGIES? WHAT, CONCRETELY, WOULD BE LIKELY TO HAPPEN TO AMERICA AND AMERICANS IF PROGRAMS AND PLANS WERE SCALED DOWN? (IN SOME THOUGH MAYBE NOT ALL CASES, I WOULD HOPE WE COULD, THROUGH THIS KIND OF DISCUSSION, WORK TOWARDS CONSENSUS ON NATIONAL-INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS MORE TANGIBLE THAN "EQUILIBRIUM", "VACUUM", OR THE MISTY BORDERLAND BETWEEN PRC "INFLUENCE" AND

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